

2002 NEW JERSEY LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPEN SPACE FUNDING REFERENDA SUMMARY

There were a total of 35 local government open space funding referendums on the 2002 ballot in New Jersey, four county and 31 municipal. Of these, 13 were for the establishment of a new open space tax program and the remaining 22 were for either a continuation or amendment of or an increase to an existing open space tax. A total of 29 of the referendums passed, six failed. Of the 29 that passed, 4 were county referendums and 25 were municipal. Ten will establish a new open space tax program, 13 will increase an existing open space tax and the remaining six were for amendments or continuations. The failed referendums were all municipal and included three new taxes and three tax increases. The number of municipal open space tax programs is now 187 and the number of county programs is 20, bringing the total number of New Jersey local governments with open space tax programs to 207. It is estimated that based on the new open space tax rates, counties will collect \$117,620,000 and municipalities \$41,000,000 in 2003 for a total of \$158,620,000.

2002 New Jersey Local Government Open Space Tax Referendums

Total Number of Referendums: 35

Total Number Referendums Passed: 29, 4 county, 25 municipal

Total Number of New Open Space Taxes: 10, 1 county, 9 municipal

Total Number of Increases to an Existing Open Space Tax: 13, 2 county, 11 municipal

Total Number of Amendments or Continuations: 6, 5 amendments, 1 continuation